

This is in regard to the possible reduction of the effectiveness of Indiana's law to control what is perceived by many as harassing telephone solicitation. I consider the telephone to be a part of the interior of my household. As such I should be able to control who interrupts the privacy of my home. Uncontrolled solicitation by phone can breach my privacy at the will of the caller. I have paid an extra fee for caller ID, but still must interrupt whatever I am doing to check the ID to see if it is a wanted call. The possibility of lessening the strength of the law to allow solicitation from companies who can claim prior contact borders on the absurd. First it will be an impossible task to prove (or in the case of the consumer) disprove such a claim. Secondly such widespread commercial intercourse takes place that "prior contact" is almost assured... even though the consumer may not realize it or desire it to continue. If anything Indiana's law needs to be strengthened. Prior to the law being enacted, I would estimate that I recieved an average of 3 to 5 calls per day.. most of those during the evening meal. I still get some but it is more like 1 a day now. I don't think I should be required to let solicitors into my house via the telephone anymore than I should be required to allow them through the front door. Please reconsider any actions that might lessen the effects of the current law.